Computerisation of various Departments

250. DR. R.K. PODDAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how much money has been spent for conducting feasibility studies on computerisation of various departments and the subsequent legal, operational and administrative implications, department-wise;

(b) what are the names of the agencies entrusted with such studies with the names of the departments for which such study was conducted; and

(c) what are the details of reports submitted by the agencies and the names of the departments in respect of which reports have since been received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Government of India has spent about Rs. 14 lakhs for conducting feasibility studies on computerisation of various Departments for 19 major studies conducted by outside agencies. In addition, feasibility studies on computerisation of various Departments have been carried out by National Informatics Centre (NIC) Department of Electronics, which has been set up by the Government of India as a nodel organisation for assisting the various departments with their computerisation requirements. NIC carries out such feasibility studies free of cost. So far an estimated 120 man-months of effort has been made by NIC for preparing feasibility studies. Wherever legal, operational and administrative implications are involved they are looked into by the concerned Departments or by NIC on a case to case basis.

(b) and (c) Details are given in enclosed Annexure . [*See* Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 5.]

Report of TULF on killings in Sri Lanka

251. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently received any report from the leaders of TULF containing details of killings and other atrocities by the army on the Tamil population in the North and Eastern regions of Sri Lanka ;

(b) the steps taken by the Government of Sri Lanks to stop the killings;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sri Lankan naval boats have intensified hostile activities in the Palk Strait and Gulf of Mannar;

(d) the steps taken to protect the Indian fishermen in the area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are not aware of steps taken by the Government of Sri Lanka to stop the killings, which are in fact attributed to the action carried out by Sri Lanka Security forces.

(c) Sri Lanka naval boats have continued to conduct intensive operations in the Sri Lankan waters in the Palk Strait and Gulf of Mannar.

(d) The Coast Guard and Naval authorities have been given clear directions to ensure the safety of our fishermen in Indian waters and to